

**DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
May 6, 2002**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Evergreen Recreation Center located at 2700 N. Woodland. In attendance were (10) District Advisory Board Members, (8) City staff members and (66) citizens.

Members Present

John Van Walleghe
Linda Matney
Bickley Foster
Maurine Willis
Rosalie Bradley
K. Irvin
Bob Wine
Bob Schreck
David Pendergraft
John Cohoon

Guest(s)

listed at end

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Sharon Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed guests, as well as asking DAB members to introduce themselves and the area they represented.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of March 4 and April 1, 2002, were approved as submitted.

(Foster/Schreck 8-0)

Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved with the amendment:

- 1 *North Arkansas River update is heard at the beginning of DAB VI meeting as Jack Brown, Environmental Health Director, needed also to present at DAB V.*
- 2 *Addition of two topics from Member Foster 1) Save our Land, Save our town video and 2) CIP review. (Foster/Wine 8-0)*

PUBLIC AGENDA

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the Board. All items will be allowed five (5) minutes of presentation time to clarify the issue, provide background information, and identify the requested action. Printed materials are encouraged.

No items were submitted

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

Patrol West:

Officer Hungria, discussed: A) the shooting at the Paradise Club located on 13th street. This was considered gang related. Since the shooting the club has not had business and the owner may not renew his license. B) A project to cut down on sexual activity in Sims Park is on going with members of the Riverside Citizens association. The group is meeting weekly at noon. This seems to be working. Bring your lunch, dessert is provided. C) The Heat Baseball team has won 1 game (applause from DAB members). Officer Hungria plans on taking them to a Wranglers game and they will participate at the beginning of the game.

Patrol North:

Officer Ryan, stated: A) they had been busy with many accidents and the recent drive-by shootings. There have been additional patrols checking on gang members. B) Graffiti related issues - five people have been arrested. C) A clean-up project with Pleasant Valley Middle School and Staff. 600 students and with additional help a total of 800 people participating in cleaning 12 locations. Also painting over graffiti resulted well. D) Prostitution was on review. Three sting operations would be taking place this week. There are known locations for prostitution and if you see this happening please take down car tag numbers and report it.

Council Member Fearey commented that Officer Ryan was responsible for getting the Salvage yard on 10th and Mead cleaned-up. Thank you for the efforts.

Member Bradley arrived at 7:19 p.m.

PLANNING

1. CON2001-00069:

The *District VI Advisory Board (DAB)* considered a request for a **Conditional Use for portable rock crusher on property zoned "GI" General Industrial, generally located on the west side of Ohio Street. Approximately ¼ mile north of 29th Street North.** The DAB Members were provided the public notice and MAPD staff comments for review.

The applicant, Dave Wittwer, stated: A) he has tried to address the concerns on the 4-week period of the rock-crusher; B) The operation of the rock-crusher should have minimal effect on the adult soccer season; C) his company would not be working with hazardous materials; D) his company would have to accommodate the adult soccer players by letting them use there (concrete plant) parking; E) KDHE has authorized the permit as testing had been completed; F) aggregate piles will be watered to maintain control on dust and G) this is a critical site for this project.

Jamie Lopez, representative for the 500-member Adult soccer league and the Hispanic/Native-American Coalition wanted DAB members to know that the soccer league was never consulted on this case. Mr. Lopez stated, even though some members only speak Spanish, they still want their comments heard. Following are their comments per Mr. Lopez: A) families also attend the games, concerned on health of all; B) residual dust will last longer than the 4 weeks of rock-crusher operations; and C) the evening practice on Tuesday and Thursday's may be affected by the dust from the rock crusher.

The **DAB Members** expressed the following concerns: 1) How long will the concrete plant be located there; 2) does the rock crusher need a license; 3) what are the measures to eliminate dust on the soccer field; 4) are they also crushing asphalt or blacktop; 5) questionable inadequate

parking; and 6) opposition from Adult Soccer players located near the area.

***** Action Taken: **DAB members voted to recommend Approval of the conditional use request with the following: allow the operation of the crusher per conditions as stated in staff report with the modification noted as (a) landscaping-berming to be installed 60 days after approval of the conditional use and (b) the crusher to operate for 20 days, distinguishing 20 days of operation as opposed to 4 consecutive weeks, beginning in the late spring into the early summer of 2003 and after expiration of “conditional use” the applicant would have to re-apply. (Pendergraft/Willis 8-1 VanWalleghen)**

2. **ZON2002-00021:**

The *District VI Advisory Board (DAB)* considered a request for a: **Expansion of “OT-O Old Town Overlay on property zoned “LI” Limited Industrial.** Members were provided the public notice and MAPD staff comments for review.

The agent for the applicant stated: 1) They confer with staff findings and agree to all recommendations; 2) An artist that does metal welding designs will be using the property.

The DAB Members expressed the following: 1) If this was where the old Case Supply building was; 2) If there were any conditions attached; 3) If this case went before the Historical Preservation Board.

*******Action taken: The DAB members voted in Approval of the Zone Change based on recommendations of staff report. (Foster/VanWalleghen 9-0)**

3. **North Arkansas River Updates**

Jack Brown, Environmental Health Director, updated the board on the status of river water quality and what projects the River Committee is doing. The department is setting up a display at the Boathouse to educate the public about finding the state of the river. Phase 1 of the current river cleanup project is finding hot spots and looking for point sources of contamination. Phase One is complete. Pennants notifying the public of the quality of river water are being posted at 2:00 daily on the Douglas and Lewis Street Bridges. Level 1 (blue) pennants signify excellent water quality; level 2 (green) denotes not to drink the water but it is still safe. Level 3 (orange) is when the water is not safe.

Testing takes place at 8:00 a.m. but results are not available until 2:00 p.m., which is when the pennants are placed on the bridges. There is now a computer that can create a model that predicts potential rain. The City of Wichita is working with the City of Chicago, IL on real-time measurement of water quality.

There will be an online survey asking people if the pennants helped them during River Festival. **Council Members Martz and Fearey** chair the Advisory Committee for Environmental Health. Their focus is on educating the public. The Task Force is assigned by the Manager and is more technical in nature. The City of Wichita is conducting extensive testing and has found sanitary problems come from upstream (these are biological in nature). The City is working with KDHE to address the findings from upstream treatment plants.

They are working with a new analytical tool and sampling at 10 sites. There is an collaboration from WSU, KSU, and KU applying this new technique to determine whether contamination is human, livestock, wildlife, or domestic animals. They should have results within a couple of weeks.

For public awareness, Environmental Health took place in Earth Day events at the Sedgwick County Zoo, Old Town, and held a river cleanup where over 100 volunteers picked up a ton of trash and 19 pounds of debris. Six radio stations promoted the event and they are working on promoting a May 19, 2002 post River Fest cleanup. Information can be found at www.wichita.gov.

The following are questions and comments from DAB members. *Answers are in italics:*

- 1 How many river samples are taken? *About 50 samples a month but they are taken daily during River Fest at the Lewis Street Bridge and upstream if it rains.*
- 2 Are the pennants up 24 hours? *Yes.*
- 3 Why was green chosen as number 1 pennant instead of blue? *A survey was taken and this was the result.*
- 4 Who is represented on the river committee? Anyone from outside of Wichita? *There is a combination of rural, academia, farming including the eqqus beds area are represented.*
- 5 What happens when you find a hot spot? *Depends on the source and size of hot spot. KDHE will be brought in if this hot spot is outside of our jurisdiction.*
- 6 Do you have any idea if old sewer lines are leaking? *There is a map that shows lines crossing the river. We are working with the water department storm sewer division on how to handle these problems. They run cameras through the lines to check for leakage. This is a major focus.*

Council Member Fearey thanked **Jack Brown** and **Kay Johnson** for the information.

***** **Action taken:** Receive and File.

BOARD AGENDA

4. Re-Integration of Offenders

Kurt Schroeder, OCI Director and staff to the Alternative Correctional Housing Board (ACH) presented the amendments made to the ACH to the licensing ordinance regulating such facilities. A review of each option was made with an emphasis on Option 3.

Following are comments or questions pertaining to topic:

- In favor of Option 3. These grand fathered facilities have been tested.
- Will they be wearing leg bracelets? *Global positioning keeps the offender within boundaries, if they go outside of the boundary an alarm will sound and the parole officer will be notified. All offenders are considered high risk the first six months. The offenders have to undergo sex-offender treatment and polygraph testing.*
- Is there an increase in sex offenders? *Rate of committing sex offenders has stayed the same. Depending on sentence guidelines.*
- What funding is there for the offenders? *Kansas Department of Corrections state general funds. There is a financial obligation to licensing homes. We pay locally from our taxes. These new centers will focus on security.*
- It's the responsibility of government to protect citizens. Sex offenders should be prepared to come back into society and be ready to meet the community.
- ACH board offering us a well thought out proposal

*****Action taken: DAB VI expresses the importance of this agenda item when presented before the City Council and the "Grandfather Clause (Option 3)" should be accepted. (**Foster/Wine 8-1Bradley**)

5. **Botanica Expansion**

Barbara Chamberlain, Botanica Director, gave an overview of plans for expansion of Botanica. The plan design involved a lot of people including the Riverside Citizens Association (RCA), Community Police, Sim Park golf club and a professor from Kansas University. Designs include a visitor center that will be open year round, conservatory, Asian and children's gardens. The size of Botanica now is 9 1/2 acres and could increase to 29-35 acres. There will be enhancements to the existing landscapes.

Member Matney asked if Cow town doesn't see any need to expand? *Ms. Chamberlain* stated no.

Member Willis commented that this is an excellent addition to museums on the river.

Also asked, would there be parking lots between Cow town, Botanica and the Art Museum so they could be used by all. Possibly include a tram system to visit all sites.

Kathy Dittmer, Riverside Citizens Association president, commented that Botanica had extended an invitation to the association to serve on committees for Sim Park. The park is underutilized and recently has seen inappropriate activity; the RCA is committed to assist.

*****Action taken: Receive and file

6. **Future Water main project on Zoo Boulevard**

Scott Logan and Rob Younkin were present to give an overview of the project. The project should start in July and will be in two phases. Phase 1-July 15th project will start at 17th street and go west to Westdale to 21st street. Phase 2 project will start at 17th and go east. The installation of a 66-inch water line will be very disruptive. Each section will consist of four blocks and estimate 4 weeks for completion. Westdale Street will be closed for two months. The City staff will work with the Benjamin Hills association on a neighborhood traffic study during this time. We will report back to the DAB our findings.

Member Bradley inquired going across Westdale at 17th when would West street be closed? *It is not anticipated that both streets be closed at the same time.* Also, would traffic counts be done between the two rivers on 13th street?

Member Foster asked if they would also bring information pertaining to Zoo blvd and Westdale to the DAB.

Member Wine asked if there would be a Left turn put in at 13th and Zoo. This is an area that is not visible when turning.

Member Schreck commented if the water table had been studied where ground water is pumped?

Citizen Joe Wilson complimented DAB on the Floodway Bridge decision and appreciates Benjamin Hills association for their willingness to accept the bridge. Mr. Wilson wanted his comments noted that 21st, Westlynn, and the West street area didn't get notified about tonight's meeting or any meeting pertaining to the Bridge decision. The area is north bounded at 21st and Westdale, East at West Street, South at 13th and West at Zoo.

Member Schreck told *Mr. Wilson* that the closing of Westdale had been discussed many times in the newspaper "Neighbors section"

Mr. Wilson commented he would not form an neighborhood association to be notified of meetings.

Member Bradley commented that in her neighborhood association, someone is always inquiring of on-goings for his or her area and they keep each other informed.

Council Member Fearey told Mr. Wilson he would be added to our mailing list to receive information from the DAB.

*****Action taken: Receive and file

7. **Problem Properties**

Old brown pick-up on north side of 12th street just east of alley between Topeka and Emporia. It has not moved for weeks.

Corner of Doris circle and 13th on the South side. Two storage units have moved in on tractor-trailers.

Tall/un-Mowed grass

West Street and 20th North- 3927 W. 20th Street

21st street-South side

Numerous properties from River Park drive to Hyacinth Lane

3057 River Park ct.

Empty lot across from Richmond Street

2127 W. 21st

21st Street North side-owners should be mowing grass facing 21st st.

2206 Marigold

2207 Bullinger

2407 Benjamin

Weeds, Tree limbs, trash

SW corner of Arkansas and 35th St N.

*****Action taken: Receive and follow up with appropriate departments

8. **Neighborhood Reports**

Sherwood Glen: May 21st meeting- Disaster training

Benjamin Hills: Stated they had a condensed version of the training and also Thank you to the City for the clean up. They collected 196 tires, filled 3 skids and 2 packer trucks.

North Riverside: May 20th meeting will be discussing the bike path from Minisa to 21st street along the little river.

*****Action taken: Receive and file

9. **Previous Updates**

- ❖ ZON2001-00069-Zone change "SF-5"Single Family Residential to "LI" Limited industrial for asphalt oil storage. **CASE WITHDRAWN: No zone change, company will keep doing what they have been doing.**
- ❖ Paradise Club activities- Officer Hungria already updated. Council member also has met with the Chief of Police and City Law department to discuss the club.
- ❖ Schell Park usage and youth soccer field now open. Signs will be posted stating Youth Soccer only. Lola Howard who lives across the street from Schell will keep Park Dept. staff Walt Bratton informed if any other play than youth soccer is occurring.
- ❖ Save Our Land video-carry over to June meeting due to lateness of meeting.
- ❖ CIP-review- Council Member looking into possibly an advisory board to CIP from each DAB. One member of each DAB would be involved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Neighborhood Action Line: 529-9999
- b. New Library drawings are available tonight for review. Construction early to mid summer. Also a sidewalk will be installed from Library to NCH.
- c. New lights at art museum, everyone should go see.
- d. BZA case involving the Lord's diner parking reduction. This is mainly for volunteers. This will be coming back for review.

- e. Access management - new draft and Member Schreck will be meeting again to discuss too many driveways going on to main highways.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal
District VI Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Margie Phelps	KDOC 900 SW Jackson, 4 th Floor Topeka, Ks 66604
Dave Wittwer	1830 N. 143 rd Street East 67230
Lola Howard	2534 Mascot, 67204
Wendell Turner	2623 Fairview, 67204
Jose & Maria Dolores Cabral	1930 N. Market, 67214
Berle Willis	3834 Woodrow, 67204
Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence, 67203
Jaime Lopez	860 Brownthrush, 67012
Joaquin Larraga	2526 Mascot, 67204
Kathy Dittmer	823 Litchfield, 67203
Janet Miller	1102 Jefferson, 67203
Joe Wilson	1652 Westlynn, 67201
50Soccer Players	
Margo Parks	
Bob Hernandez	
Wintilio Ortiz	

Staff

Scott Logan	Public Works
Kurt Schroeder	OCI
Officer Hungria	Patrol West
Officer Ryan	Patrol North
Rob younkin	Water & Sewer
Jack Brown	Environmental Health
Barbara Chamberlain	Botanica
Bill Longnecker	Planning